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SUBJECT: SECURITY AT ROME AIRPORT

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1. TWA SECURITY OFFICER, JOE MICHELA, INFORMED EMBOFF ON MARCH 22 THAT DEDICATED SECURE AREA FOR TWA HAD ENDED ON MARCH 21. HE SAID AIRPORT DIRECTOR CASAGRANDE HAD INFORMED TWA ONLY ON MARCH 20 THAT AEROPORTI DE ROMA (AR) WOULD NO LONGER PERFORM SECONDARY SECURITY CHECKS.

2. ACCORDING TO MICHELA, AR SECURITY CHIEF, DR. FRASCA, THEN STATED THERE WAS NO SPACE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE IN THE AIRPORT FOR A SECONDARY DEDICATED SECURE AREA ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A GLASS PARTITIONED AREA IN THE EAST WING OF THE TERMINAL FOR ALL AIRLINES DESIRING EXTRA SECURITY PROCESSING WAS STILL UNDER STUDY. TWA ASKED WHETHER IT COULD BRING IN PORTABLE X-RAY AND MAGNETOMETER EQUIPMENT. FRASCA RESPONDED THE AR SIMPLY DID NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER TO SUPPLY TO TWA FOR PEAK SEASON OPERATIONS. TWA THEN REQUESTED THAT IN THE EVENT OF A FURTHER SPECIFIC THREAT AGAINST TWA SECONDARY CONTROLS BE REINSTATED.

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CASAGRANDE AND FRASCA AGREED THAT SOMETHING WOULD BE WORKDED OUT.

3. TWA ATTRIBUTES ENDING OF ITS DEDICATED SECURE AREA (SOMEWHAT SOONER THAN EXPECTED) TO PRESSURE FROM ALITALIA TO REGAIN THE USE OF THE TWO GATES IN THE FORMER TWA DEDICATED SECURE AREA. MICHELA INDICATED THAT TWA

HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN FULLY INFORMED AND SEEMS TO BE
ACCEPTING CHANGED SITUATION.GARDNER

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